

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2003:

Present

Vote

James S. Burgett, Chairman
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Vice Chairman
Walter C. Zaremba
Sheila S. Noll
Donald E. Wiggins

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND BEVERLY E. DUDLEY, YORK COUNTY
MANAGER OF LIBRARY SERVICES, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE-
TIREMENT

WHEREAS, Beverly E. Dudley, began employment June 6, 1970, and on January 31, 2003, is retiring from her present position as Manager of Library Services after 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley's library service to the citizens of York actually began even prior to her employment, when the York County Volunteer Association (YCVA) opened a library in a small farmhouse on the corner of Route 17 and Dare Road in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley assisted YCVA, later becoming a paid employee and in 1971, at the time the County began providing Library Services, she became York's very first Library employee; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as Librarian, she oversaw the establishment of an official York County Library, coordinating a move from the farmhouse to a storefront Library in the Grafton Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, in that facility she developed a comprehensive collection, hired other staff members and assisted the County's first Library Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, as the Library was highly successful and as the County grew in population, the Board of Supervisors determined that it was appropriate to build a Library and

made plans to do so on property donated by the O'Hara Family on George Washington Highway; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley worked with the County Board and staff and the Library Trustees to design such a facility and to assure that the citizens were well informed and supported financing such an endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley again organized and coordinated a major relocation effort, opening the York County Public Library in the first County owned building on September 13, 1984; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1980s and early 1990s Mrs. Dudley expanded collections and staff, operating a full-service Library, emphasizing quality and excellence in service, keeping pace with changes in library science and new developments in technology; and

WHEREAS, the Library was highly successful and as the County continued to grow in population, the Board of Supervisors determined that additional Library facilities were needed and that it was appropriate to construct a second Library and made plans to do so on property purchased to ease overcrowding and also to be more convenient to the many residents of the lower County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dudley worked closely with the County staff and the Library Trustees to assure the design, development, equipage and staffing of the new York County Public Library – Tabb, a 34,000 square foot facility that opened on October 9, 1999, giving York two Libraries in a unified system; and

WHEREAS, in her over 32 years of employment, Mrs. Dudley has the distinction of serving as York's first and only Chief Librarian; has been instrumental in the development of a large and comprehensive, multi-site library system; has supervised a strong and outstanding staff committed to quality service; has worked with numerous County staff and with 28 Library Trustees; and

WHEREAS, as an employee of the Library Board of Trustees, she has been loyal and in all that she has done, she has demonstrated great knowledge of Library Science and an unyielding commitment to quality Library service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the York County Board of Supervisors and it is hereby, that Beverly E. Dudley is to be commended for her dedication, her loyalty and her commitment throughout the past 32 years and for her exemplary efforts and her many accomplishments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at this time of her retirement, an expression of appreciation be conveyed to Mrs. Dudley on behalf of the County of York, its staff and the countless citizens who have benefited from her caring and her many contributions; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors offers the very best wishes to her and to her loved ones for a rewarding and pleasurable retirement.